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SUBJECT: AFRO-ASIAN SOLIDARITY MEETING IN ANGOLA

1. PRIME MINISTER KAMARA-TAYLOR INFORMED ME MORNING JANUARY 28 THAT GOSL IS FORCED TO MAKE MINOR DECISION SOON THAT MAY AFFECT ITS STANCE ON ANGOLA. GOSL HAD RECEIVED COMMUNICATION (EMBASSY PRESUMES THROUGH GUINEA) TO ATTEND AFRO-ASIA SOLIDARITY MEETING IN LUANDA FEBRUARY 2 TO 4. CHARTERED AIRPLANE WILL BE PASSING THROUGH SIERRA LEONE FEBRUARY 1 TO PICK UP SIERRA LEONE DELEGATION.

2. PRIME MINISTER INDICATED THAT HE FELT ACCEPTANCE AT THIS TIME WOULD BE UNWISE, SINCE GOSL STILL DID NOT RECOGNIZE MPLA GOVERNMENT. I AGREED AND INDICATED THAT APPEARANCE OF GOSL DELEGATION AT RELATIVELY UNIMPORTANT AND HIGHLY IDEOLOGICAL MEETING IN LUANDA WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE WAY FOR GOSL ALLIES ON THIS ISSUE TO GAIN HINT OF GOSL STANCE. PRIME MINISTER AGREED.

COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST THAT WE HAVE HEARD OF SUCH A MEETING. GOSL DECISION MAY BE MADE IN NEXT 48 HOURS, AND WE SHALL TRY TO REPORT IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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